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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 325** – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at 111 Upper Fish Rock Road in Southbury, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Cellco) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Southbury, Connecticut.

Cellco proposes to build a 100-foot monopole telecommunications tower within a 50-foot by 60-foot equipment compound on a 32 acre parcel located in the south central area of Southbury.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed site, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The application meets statutory technical requirements for processing the application. Council staff believes additional information can be obtained through pre-hearing interrogatories. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

The applicant has stated that all service and filing requirements pursuant to General Statutes § 16-501 (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in The Waterbury Republican-American.

IV. Procedural

The Council must schedule a hearing for the proceeding between 30 and 150 days after receipt of an application. The Council must also appoint a custodian of the docket and designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends designating Adriana Popa as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Southbury on Thursday, February 1, 2007, and depositing the transcript in the Town Clerk's Office at the Southbury Town Hall

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V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	11/02/06
Completeness review	12/12/06
Subcommittee meeting	12/12/06
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	12/14/06
• Set-One responses due	01/04/07
• Set-Two Filed	01/05/07
• Set-Two responses due	01/19/07
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	12/28/06
Pre-filed testimony due	01/17/06
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	01/19/06
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	02/01/07
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	02/01/07
Close of Record	03/05/07
Draft Findings of Fact	03/09/07
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	03/23/07
Deadline for Decision	05/01/07
180-day extension date	10/29/07

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